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DON'T WORRY ABOUT SPENCER

Slim Chance of Its Being Set Over Into a "New County"

WELLINGTON MAN IS AGITATING THE IDEA

Necessary Legislative Bill Would Be Combatted Lively By Spencer as Well As County

Let no Medina county citizen lose any sleep over the story that Spencer township is going to be wrenched loose and become a parcel of a brand new county to be formed from similar parts of Lorain, Huron and Ashland counties, with Wellington as the "capital," as is being hawked about by certain newspapers, and individuals who would have a personal interest in such a change.

In this regard it may be stated that the prime agent in the movement is James C. McDermott, president of Wellington's chamber of commerce, and that should his plan materialize, the new county might possibly bear his name.

To give the new county story a measure of plausibility, the statement has been given out that the proposed action will be brought before the next session of the general assembly in the form of a bill asking that the new county be formed, and from the southern part of Lorain county and neighboring territory.

McDermott has been quoted as saying that the sentiment of the people of Spencer had been sounded and found to be very favorable. As a matter of fact a number of Spencer's most prominent citizens openly avow disfavor to any such idea and can be counted upon to combat it whenever, if ever, it gets further along than the vacuum yearning of the nominal coterie who are at present sponsoring it.

The principal reason given for the proposed new county is that Lorain's county seat is too far away and that the county officials have not given that section of the county the proper consideration in road improvements.

FIRE DESTROYS LEROY METHODIST CHURCH

The M. E. church at Leroy was destroyed by fire Saturday night, entailing a loss estimated at upward of \$20,000, the building being insured for about \$9,000.

How the fire started can only be conjectured, the seemingly only plausible cause being a defective furnace. The pastor, who started the furnace a short time before the fire was discovered, about 9 o'clock, states that everything appeared to be in its usual condition when he left the church.

Citizens generally labored hard to save the building, but the means at hand were so inadequate, notwithstanding that the hotel water supply was hurriedly brought into requisition. The Lodi fire department responded promptly, but arrived too late to be of any service save to protect the church parsonage which stands near the church.

The Methodist congregation accepted an invitation from the Universalist people to join with them in worship the following day.

It is reported that plans will be made soon for rebuilding, although no definite arrangements have thus far been made for future services pending such action.

MASONS DISCUSS TEMPLE BUILDING

Local Masons state as more than likely that work on their proposed new temple will be begun some time during 1922, and will probably be located on the lodge's property on the north side of the public square. The matter was discussed at a regular meeting of the Masonic order last Thursday night, at which time officers for the coming year were elected, as follows: Worshipful master, C. W. Reinhardt; senior warden, A. L. Boyden; junior warden, F. C. Randall; senior deacon, D. W. Watkins; junior deacon, C. D. Rickard; treasurer, D. C. Shepard; secretary, Neal S. Kellogg; Tyler, J. F. Borger. Blake Hendrickson was re-elected trustee for a term of three years.

EX-SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY HOME, DEAD

John Gilbert Sears, farmer and prominent citizen of Litchfield, and for ten years superintendent of the Medina County Infirmary, died on Saturday morning of last week, Nov. 12, at his late home.

The deceased was in his seventy-fourth year of age, having been born in Lenox, Mass., Oct. 21, 1848, and the greater part of his life was spent in Medina county, in the vicinity where he died.

He was twice married, his first wife dying during his incumbency of the office of infirmary superintendent. By this marriage one son, Court Sears, was born, who resides in Litchfield, and who with the widow survives the deceased.

Funeral services were held on Monday of this week and interment made in the Litchfield cemetery.

LIFE-LONG RESIDENT OF LAFAYETTE DEAD

After an extended and painful illness covering many weeks, John W. House of Lafayette township and one of the best known men in this vicinity, passed away at his late home early on Monday evening of this week.

Mr. House had always resided in Lafayette and had prospered in his chosen calling, farming. He was a man of sterling integrity, respected by all who knew him, and possessed an amiable nature that won him friends.

He is survived by a widow, one son, William of Lafayette, and one daughter, Mrs. Dell Eaken of Litchfield.

Funeral services were held from the home Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. H. Bryenton of the Methodist church, Medina. Interment was made in Spring Grove cemetery.

Many old Medina friends of the deceased attended the obsequies.

DEATH COMES TO LOUIS J. WALTERS

Following an illness of about six weeks, Louis J. Walters died early Sunday morning at his home, 509 West Liberty street. Mr. Walters' illness dated from a slight stroke, other complications of an organic nature setting in, terminating fatally.

Mr. Walters was a baker by trade, coming to Medina about a year ago to serve in that capacity for the H. R. H. Grocery. He was of a jovial and genial nature, which won him many friends during his residence in Medina.

He is survived by a widow. The deceased was born in Kent, O., Sept. 12, 1876, and thus was in his forty-sixth year. Funeral services were held at his late home on Wednesday, at 10 a. m., and the body taken to Barberian for interment.

PRESIDENT TO SEND GREETING TO MEDINA

A wireless message of greeting from President Harding will be received in Medina on the evening of Friday, Nov. 26, at a banquet to be held at the parish house of St. Paul's Episcopal church, the occasion being a jollification by all Medina Ohio Staters over the successful stadium campaign of the State University.

Simultaneously, similar jollifications will be held by O. S. U. patrons throughout the country, and each community will be greeted by a message from the head of the nation.

The speaker has not yet been announced, but will be in the next issue of the Sentinel. There will be plenty of music and yells, and it's rumored that later in the evening dancing will be indulged in. The banquet begins at 6 o'clock.

The committee in charge is: Helen Hobart, president; Clara Fenn, secretary; L. H. Randall and Brant Earley.

ERROR DISFRANCHISES WESTERN STAR VOTERS

There was a mix-up in the election at Western Star last week which has stirred up trouble. The small village is incorporated, about two-fifths of the voters residing in Summit county, and three-fifths in Medina county. Ballots for the municipal ticket were furnished the Summit county side when they went to vote at Norton Center, but when the Medina county side came to Wadsworth to vote there were no ballots for them; consequently the majority of Western Star electors were disfranchised. A committee was promptly appointed to confer with the prosecuting attorney at Akron relative to holding another election at which all may express their preferences.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Mrs. Mae Hammond to Mr. Carl Bucy, at Toledo, August 16. They will spend the winter in Florida.

SAY HUSBANDS MISTREAT THEM

Two Medina County Women File Suits For Divorce

ONE FROM LITCHFIELD, OTHER FROM SPENCER

Mixed Charges of Infidelity, Violent Assault and Gross Neglect of Duty

Esther H. Dunham of Litchfield, thru her attorney, Frank Spellman, has begun suit against her husband, Mark F. Dunham, for divorce, and custody of their minor child.

In her petition plaintiff charges gross neglect of duty, in that defendant ever since their marriage in Cleveland on Nov. 20, 1917, has almost totally neglected to provide the necessities of life for plaintiff and child, this duty having been performed by plaintiff, and that defendant has spent his substance in riotous living and on other women. In substantiation of the latter charge, plaintiff's petition states that in February, 1920, plaintiff discovered a letter in defendant's pocket from a woman of doubtful character, addressed to defendant, advising him of articles of clothing she desired him to buy for her; asking him to take out life insurance with the policy payable to her, and also to start a bank account for her son. When confronted with the letter by plaintiff, the latter states defendant promised to remain at home thereafter and behave himself.

Plaintiff's petition further states that on a certain occasion defendant accused plaintiff of being unchaste, and questioned the fatherhood of their child.

Defendant is said to have deserted his wife and child on April 1, 1921, in Cleveland, where the family resided at that time, and went to Litchfield; this county, plaintiff following later and taking up her abode with her parents in Litchfield, where she has since resided. Defendant again returned to Cleveland and is believed to be living with his mother, Mrs. Clara Dunham, at 2038 West 100th street.

Violent abuse and gross neglect of duty are the grounds upon which Lillian L. Dague has filed a suit for divorce from Ray S. Dague of Spencer.

The couple were married in Cleveland on Feb. 20, 1913, and have one child. In her petition plaintiff states that soon after marriage and until about Dec. 29, 1917, defendant frequently struck plaintiff on the head and applied to her vile names, finally on the above date attempting to smother her with bed clothing, whereupon she took the child and went to a sister's in Wadsworth. After an absence of two weeks defendant is said to have persuaded her to return to him on the promise of treating her as he should. She returned, but after a short time, plaintiff states, Dague resumed his rough way, and on Dec. 8, 1918, plaintiff with her child left him for good, and went again to her sister's, where she now resides.

Plaintiff states that Dague draws large wages at the Spencer Metal Product Co., besides having money and property sufficient for the comfortable support of his family. A request of the court that a temporary injunction be allowed restraining Dague from disposing of any of his property pending a hearing of the divorce proceedings, was granted.

FIRE DESTROYS BARN

The barn on the Howard Calvert farm on the south pike, operated by Nelson Barnum, was totally consumed by fire early last Thursday night. Considerable hay, a Buick automobile and some grain were also destroyed, but no live stock. The cause of the fire is unknown.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS AND ADVERTISERS

By reason of the fact that Thanksgiving falls on publication day of the Sentinel, next week's issue will be printed on Wednesday a full day earlier. Advertisers, and especially correspondents, are requested to make allowance for this by mailing their matter a day earlier, as letters received too late for the issue for which they are intended are never published as "deferred letters."

BURGLARS BUSY MONDAY NIGHT

Valley City, Brunswick, Strongsville Visited, But Little Gain

SIMILAR ATTACK MADE A FEW WEEKS AGO

One Robber Was Shot in Gun Fight With Strongsville Nightwatch, But Escaped

Burglars were active at Valley City, Brunswick and Strongsville last Monday night and early Tuesday morning. They got but little loot in the two former places, but secured money and other valuables totalling over a hundred dollars in Strongsville, and one member of the gang was shot while making his escape, by Strongsville's nightwatch.

Four strangers were seen in front of Hidingmeyer's restaurant at Valley City about 12 o'clock Monday night with a Ford car. Three of the men entered the restaurant while the fourth remained outside.

An hour later Mr. Schaffer, watchman at the B. H. L. elevator across from the B. & O. station, while getting a drink of water near the station, noticed that the shades were drawn, which excited his suspicion, although he heard no sounds from within. In the morning it was found that the combination to the safe had been knocked off, the door forced open and papers thrown about. There was no money in the safe.

At Brunswick the robbers entered Budd Sanford's garage and took only a flashlight. They also broke into the school house, where some candy was their only reward.

At Strongsville entrance was made to Carl Howe's store. Here the men got about \$20 in money, several watches and other articles, the total value of which is placed by Mr. Howe at about \$125. As the burglars emerged from the store they were observed by the nightwatchman, who fired his gun at them. They got away, but a trail of blood was found several feet away from where the men's machine was standing when they mounted it and escaped.

A finger print expert from Akron came to Valley City on Tuesday and took pictures of several distinct prints found on the window sill of the B. & O. depot left by one or more of the men as they climbed into the building.

Sheriff Bigelow was called, but of course too late to be of any assistance.

BURIAL HERE OF LATE GEORGE E. SMITH

The body of Geo. E. Smith of Berea former Medina man, who was instantly killed when the wagon he was driving was struck by a Big Four train at Columbus Station last Friday evening, was brought to Medina on Monday for interment in Spring Grove cemetery. Mr. Smith was employed by the Grand Union Tea Co., Cleveland.

The deceased was a brother-in-law of Mrs. W. A. Stevens of Medina. He was thrice married, his second wife being Mrs. Steven's sister, whose maiden name was Ella Holcomb. The latter died several years ago. Mr. Smith was born and raised in Litchfield, this county, and for some time before his removal from Medina was employed by the A. I. Root Co. He is survived by a widow, one son, Louis of Cleveland and a daughter, Ethel.

FATHERS AND SONS HAVE MANY MEETS

Four big Father and Son banquets were held in Medina village during the past week and one record breaking affair in Chatham. Others are planned for this week, the first of which was held at Lodi Masonic hall on Monday night. Granger's annual banquet was held Tuesday night, addressed by County Agent Halderson, and Mallet Creek has one scheduled for tonight, Thursday, to be addressed by Secretary Barnes of the Y. M. C. A.

The Seville Presbyterian church had a Father and Son night Wednesday, with H. H. Root and E. W. Barnes as their speakers. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

Brunswick annual event comes on Wednesday, the 23rd, and Spencer is planning a Father and Son banquet during the first week in December. Other communities have not yet made definite plans.

WILL CUT RED TAPE IN PAYING BONUS

That red tape is to be cut in administering the Ohio Soldiers' bonus, the amendment for which carried unanimously at the polls last week, was indicated Monday at a meeting in Columbus of the sinking fund commissioners who, under the amendment, are charged with paying off the former service men and women entitled to the adjusted compensation.

It developed that the commissioners are all determined to get the money into the hands of the men with the least possible delay and formality that is consistent with safeguarding the funds against fraud.

There is also a strong possibility that, in the language of one of the commissioners, "The American Legion will become our most valuable auxiliary organization in handling applications."

It is possible that, in each county, a legion member will be delegated to assist men in filling out their applications.

Brig. Gen. J. R. McQuigg of Cleveland, state director of the adjusted compensation campaign, said in Cleveland Monday: "I am satisfied the state sinking fund commission at Columbus will do all in its power to provide an early adjustment."

FITTING CEREMONIAL ON ARMISTICE DAY

Inclement weather kept many people from attending the Armistice day celebration in Medina last Friday, although quite a number, standing under their umbrellas in the park, witnessed the program by the school pupils given on the steps of the court house, and were repaid for their efforts. The singing of patriotic songs and the brief season of silent prayer were indeed impressive and the little singers' voices pealed with true ring.

Following the outdoor program many repaired to the Congregational church to hear an address by General John R. McQuigg, this service being in charge of the local American Legion post, John Moore serving as chairman of the meeting. Preceding the address by Gen. McQuigg, a full choir sang patriotic numbers with rousing spirit.

Gen. McQuigg spoke feelingly of the achievement of American boys in the war and particularly of the Ohio lads, who glorified themselves in some of the fiercest engagements of the great conflict.

The speaker urged the importance of everybody uniting now to help preserve the transcendent ideals for which the war was fought.

WEST RICHFIELD LAD RUNS A SKUNK FARM

If more boys were of the mind of Vernon Schovie who lives on a farm near West Richfield and who is in his second year of pig club work, there would be skunk clubs as well as pig and calf and poultry clubs run for farm boys. Vernon is raising the pole-cats for their pelts.

The farm was begun when he trapped a female, put splints on her broken leg, and kept her in a box-coop in the barn. She has seven little ones all of which, successfully raised have now multiplied to 15.

Vernon has rigged up box-coops with wire runs for the animals. He feeds them butchers' offal. They give no trouble, he declares, and the price of the pelts makes it well worth while to raise them.

GRANGER TEST REPORT

The following is a report of the herds tested in Granger last week by Dr. Gillen. The report is particularly encouraging in that out of 225 cattle tested there was only one reactor and two suspects:

Number tested: John S. Johnson 39, Frank Rockwood 1, Sam Albertson 10, Austin Damon 6, S. Davis 11, Mr. Hilbert 2, J. S. Stoll 10, C. J. Baird 10, Fred Indoe 12, Geo. Graff 15, John Coddling 7, Mr. Gardner 2, Ed. Lytle 9, John Featheroff 29, N. M. Aikman 11, Artie Rockwell 4, Mr. Dutch 3, John Meach 13, E. R. Allard 16, Dewey Goodrich 4, E. J. Young 5, Mart Moon 6.

The one reactor was found in John S. Johnson's herd; one suspect was found in the same herd and one in Fred Indoe's herd.

Local freight service between Akron and Plymouth on the A. C. & Y. was resumed Monday, the west-bound arriving in Medina at 9:45 a. m. and the east-bound at 11:45 a. m. daily. For the past few months the local freight service was in three divisions, namely: Akron to New London, New London to Carey, and Carey to Delphos. The present arrangement provides for only two divisions—Akron to Plymouth, Plymouth to Delphos, with reverse order in returning.

NEW CORNER LIGHTS SOON

Council Accepts Akron's Gift of Two "Silent Policemen"

DECIDES AT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Also Passes Assessment Ordinances for Special Levies on Paving and Sewer Jobs

The regular monthly meeting of the village council was held Tuesday night, and while the session was not a very lengthy one, the members were kept busy while it did last, transacting considerable business of interest to many citizens of the town.

Following the approval of the usual monthly grist of bills, S. H. Brainard, secretary of the Kiwanis club, presented a request to council concerning the erection of two lighted "silent policemen" on the public square. Mr. Brainard stated that the Akron city council would furnish the village with two ornamental corner "policemen," each carrying attachments for two electric lights, and with slabs bearing the names of and pointing toward different neighboring cities; providing the village council would grant permission for their erection, and bear the cost of their lighting. Mr. Brainard stated that the Kiwanis club would bear the expense of installation. According to Mr. Brainard the "policemen" would be stationed where two of the present ones are located—at Liberty and North Court streets and Washington and South Court streets. The estimated cost of lighting was placed at \$66 a year. Council granted permission for the installation.

A petition for a sewer on Wadsworth road between the north line of lot 160, owned by Mrs. Green, and southerly end of present sewer, to north line of lot 143, was presented to council; also a petition for the paving of West Liberty street from the west end of present paved portion to the west corporation line. Both petitions were turned over to the street committee.

Four assessing ordinances were passed, as follows:

For the levying of special assessments for the improvement by paving of West Friendship street from Court street west to Medina street; East North street from N. Broadway to East street, and Huntington street from West Liberty street to Friendship street; and for a sanitary sewer in North Court street from Union street to Homestead street.

The ordinances, which give the amounts levied on each property owner benefiting by the improvements, will be published in the Sentinel next week.

POOR STOCK LOSSES IN COUNTY \$219,500

Estimates made thru figures issued by the bureau of blue sky operations under the state department of commerce indicate that approximately \$219,500 has been lost by the people of Medina county in the last three years in worthless stocks. In other words, this gigantic fortune was flched from the people of this community thru the promises of large returns by the way of high interest rates.

How much better had this money been placed with local institutions of recognized safety for saving. The money would not only still belong to its rightful owners but it would be working right here at home and bringing a return to the entire community.

The \$219,500 lost by the people of this county has gone down the sewer of economic waste right under our noses. In this time of abnormalities it would make a difference if that money were safe within our confines now. If that money were in our savings institutions there would be less likelihood of demand upon charities this winter, less discontent and better business conditions.

Women—more especially widows—are the natural prey for fake stock salesmen, the report states.

H. C. Knopf, former city chemist of Cleveland, now with the Forbes Chocolate Co., addressed the Kiwanis club Thursday noon, today.